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'The Jackson Burke Society'

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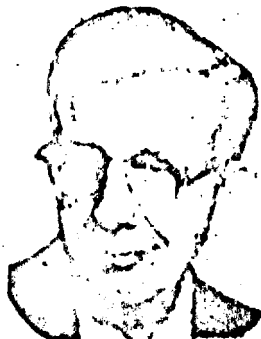
A refugee from the Hollywood badlands, struggling along on Broadway with one hit after another, Mr. Schary sent this flight of fancy to The Post:

Last night I took to wondering—just wondering—(no offense to anyone unintended) what if there was a revelation in the news and on the radio and on television that there was a society in America called "The Jackson Burke Society?"

What if this society was named in honor of an American officer who had been killed by a Nazi patrol during World War II?

What if, I continued to wonder, this society was a semi-secret organization whose finances and membership lists were kept hidden under lock and key?

What if this society had an executive board that numbered among its members a former Secretary of



State, a General, a retired Admiral, a number of prominent business men and some elected government officials like, for instance, a United States Senator and one or two Congressmen?

What if this "Jackson Burke Society" was publicly pledged to fight world-wide Fascism? What if it was thought that the United States of America was in immediate and serious danger of being taken over by Fascist-minded world planners?

What if this society had a corps of militant believers who were now receiving instruction via manuals and briefing sessions on how to go about fighting Fascism?

What if some of the techniques included mysterious phone calls that informed on neighbors and passed out anonymous threats and dire warnings?

And what if in one of the handbooks of this organization were charges that President's Roosevelt, Truman and Eisenhower were knowing tools of the Fascist conspiracy?

And, I further wondered, what if this society already had over 60,000 members who paid \$12 to \$24 a year apiece to finance this urgent operation against Fascism?

What if this organization maintained a firm conviction that its founders and members knew more about how to fight the enemy than did the Federal Government and the FBI and all the other agencies of the United States?

What if this earnest group thought the income tax was a burden and wanted to abolish it, and if it maintained that the United Nations was merely a tool of the Fascist world-wide system that had produced Hitler, Mussolini, Franco, Trujillo, Salazar, Nasser and Verwoerd?

I wondered, if given all those circumstances, the Attorney General of the United States would say it was a society that was humorous and should be laughed away?

And I concluded that he wouldn't. I concluded that he and the FBI and the Congress and the Senate and the CIA and the President and the military and Naval Intelligence and everybody else would get damned alarmed and summon the entire Board of the "Jackson Burke Society" to Washington and ask them to explain what the hell it was doing and exactly